

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-5487-1]

**Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments**

Availability of EPA comments prepared November 17, 1997 Through November 21, 1997 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 11, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

**Draft EISs**

ERP No. D-AFS-L65292-ID Rating EO2, Caribou National Forest, Implementation, Federal Phosphate Leasing Proposal for the Manning Creek and Dairy Syncline Tracts, Caribou County, ID.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental objections about project impacts on water quality, including 303(d) listed waters. Specific mitigation measures need to be included in the Final EIS.

**Final EISs**

ERP No. F-AFS-L60103-AK, Swan Lake-Lake Tyee Intertie Project, Electrical Transmission Line and Associated Facilities Construction and Operation, Northwestern Portion of Revillagigedo Island from Upper Carroll Inlet to Behm Canal and the Northeastern Portion of Cleveland Peninsula from Spacious Bay to Bradfield Canal, Special-Use-Permit Issuance, Tongass.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental concerns with the methodologies used and conclusions drawn about cumulative effects within the project corridor.

Dated: December 2, 1997.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-5486-9]

**Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability**

**Responsible Agency:** Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed November 24, 1997 Through November 28, 1997 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970457, Final EIS, FHW, NC, US-17/Wilmington Bypass Transportation Improvement Program, Updated Information, TIP R-2633C, Construction from I-40 to US 421, Funding, NPDES and US Coast Guard and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, New Hanover County, NC, Due: January 5, 1998, Contact: Nicholas L. Graf, P.E. (919) 856-4346.

EIS No. 970458, Final EIS, IBR, CA, American River Water Resources Investigation, Implementation, Placer, Suter, EL Dorado, Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties, CA, Due: January 5, 1998, Contact: Al Candlish (916) 978-5187.

EIS No. 970459, Draft EIS, FHW, CA, CA-58, Transportation Corridor, Route Adoption and Purchases Right-of-Way Acquisition Project, between CA-99 in the Bakersfield Metropolitan Area and Interstate 5 in Kern County, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Kern County, CA, Due: January 25, 1998, Contact: John R. Schultz (916) 498-5041.

EIS No. 970460, Final EIS, COE, CA, Syar Mining Operation and Reclamation Plan, Six Sites Selected along the Russian River, Construction, Mining-Use-Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, City of Healdsburg, Sonoma County, CA, Due: January 5, 1998, Contact: Peter Straub (415) 977-8443.

EIS No. 970461, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Ansel Adams, John Muir, Dinkey Lakes and Monarch Wildernesses, Proposed New Management Direction, Amending the Land and Resource Management Plans for the Inyo, Sierra and Sequoia National Forests, Implementation, Inyo, Madera, Mono and Fresno Counties, CA, Due: March 6, 1998, Contact: Robert Hawkins (619) 873-2400.

EIS No. 970462, Final EIS, NOAA, GA, State of Georgia Coastal Management Program, Comprehensive Coastal Land and Water Use Activities, Approval and Implementation, GA, Due: January 5, 1998, Contact: Joshua Lott (301) 713-3117.

EIS No. 970463, Draft EIS, BLM, AK, Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A), Integrate Activity Plan, Multiple-Use Management, for Land within the North Slope Borough, AK, Due: February 10, 1998, Contact: Gene Terland (907) 271-3369.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Notice of Proposed NPDES General Permits for Discharges From Hydrostatic Testing of New and Existing Natural Gas Pipelines in Texas (TXG670000), Oklahoma (OKG670000) and New Mexico (NMG670000)**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of draft NPDES general permits.

**SUMMARY:** EPA Region 6 is proposing to issue general NPDES permits authorizing discharges resulting from the hydrostatic testing of new and existing natural gas pipelines in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. These permits cover discharges resulting from the hydrostatic testing, as required by Department of Transportation regulations 49 CFR Part 192, Subpart J, or equivalent State rules, of new as well as existing pipelines for natural gas. As proposed, the permits have the following requirements for hydrostatic test water discharges from new natural gas pipelines: Limits on oil and grease, total suspended solids and pH, and a limit of no acute toxicity if the hydrostatic test fill water is obtained from a source other than the receiving water to which the hydrostatic test water is discharged. For hydrostatic test water discharges from existing natural gas pipelines, the permits have the same limits as for new pipelines (limits on oil and grease, total suspended solids, pH and, in some cases, no acute toxicity) as well as a limit on benzene.

**DATES:** Comments on these proposed permits must be submitted by February 3, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on these proposed permits should be sent to the Regional Administrator, EPA Region 6,